

International Society of Nephrology

Membership

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1997 is included in the annual 1997 dues of US \$120.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. William E. Mitch, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, Emory University, Renal Division, WMB Room 338, 1639 Pierce Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322, USA. (Checks must be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

ISN World Wide Web Page

The ISN Computerized Information Committee co-chaired by Drs. Kim Solez (Edmonton) and Zal Agus (Philadelphia) is maintaining and updating the ISN Home Page on the World Wide Web. This Home Page describes ISN programs, lists officers, councilors and members of the Commission for Developing Countries, and supplies general information regarding ISN membership and subscription to *Kidney International*. The uniform resource locators (URLs) for the Web Page are: **Europe:** <http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p0035.htm> **North America:** <http://www.med.ualberta.ca/isn/000i000c.htm>. Material from the Madrid International Congress is available using the URL <http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p049x.htm>

ISN Sponsorship of Meetings

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, workshops, and conferences held independently of the International Congress of Nephrology to apply to hold these meetings under the auspices of the ISN.

In general, such an arrangement does not include an offer of financial support on the part of ISN. In special cases, however, the Society may be able to offer seed money.

Organizers who wish to apply to hold their meetings under the auspices of the Society should include the following information in their applications:

1. Topic and purpose of meeting.
2. Location and date of meeting.
3. Names of members of scientific organizing committee.
4. Names of co-sponsors and sources of financial support.
5. Names and topics of invited speakers.
6. Statement regarding whether or not free communications will be sought.

Applications will not be accepted from organizers of regularly, or routinely, scheduled regional, national, or international meetings.

Applications should be submitted to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Secretary General, Academic Medical Ctr., Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Publications and announcements of meetings held under ISN's auspices should include the statement of acknowledgement: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Kiyoshi Kurokawa, M.D., Tokai University School of Medicine, Bohseidai, Isehara-shi, Kanagawa 259-11, Japan. Tel: (81) 463 93 1121 Ext 2111/Fax: (81) 463 93 1130/Email: kurokawa@is.icc.u-tokai.ac.jp

ISN Archives

Dr. Leon Fine has accepted the responsibility of maintaining the Archives of the International Society of Nephrology. The Archives consist of photographs, announcements, activities, and names of Council Members and Officers of the Society. Relevant information, documents, or photographs that are pertinent to the development and evolution of the ISN are assembled in the Archives.

Members of the ISN or other readers of *Kidney International* having such material are requested to forward it to Dr. Fine at the following address: Leon G. Fine, F.R.C.P., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P. (Glasg), Professor of Medicine and Head of the Department,

Chairman, Division of Medicine, University College London Medical School, The Rayne Institute, 5 University Street, London WC1B 6JJ, United Kingdom.

MEETINGS

The Xth Colombian Congress of Nephrology and Hypertension will be held October 1–4, 1997 in Medellin, Colombia. In addition to a full scientific program there will be poster presentations of free communications. For further information contact Dr. Gonzalo Mejia, Ap. Aero 60417, Medellin, Colombia. Telephone: 57-4 263 1330 or 57-4 263 9191; FAX: 57-4 263 1002.

The 2nd International Seminar in Nephrology, organized by the Department of Nephrology of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki, will be held October 4–5, 1997 in Thessaloniki, Greece. The seminar will focus on the latest information on physiology and pathophysiology of the tubulointerstitium. Program topics will include: ion transport mechanisms along the nephron, immunologically-mediated tubulointerstitial disease and dysproteinemias in relation with the kidney. A state of the art lecture and interactive case presentations will provide a unique opportunity for a multidisciplinary discussion and exchange of views. Registration is free. For further information contact Dr. E. Alexopoulos, Department of Nephrology, Hippokraton General Hospital, Thessaloniki, Greece. Telephone/FAX: 0030 31 835955.

The 1997 Nephrology Summer School will be held October 12–18, 1997 in Budapest, Hungary. Internationally distinguished lecturers in the field will provide up-to-date information in the form of sessions, workshops and clinical round meetings. The school is open to all young scientists and clinicians. Tuition includes room and board. Financial support is available on a limited basis. For further information and application forms contact Dr. László Rosivall, Semmelweis University, Department of Pathophysiology, Nagyvarad ter 4, 1089 Budapest, Hungary. Telephone: 36-1-210-2956; FAX: 36-1-2100-100; E-mail: roslasz@net.sote.hu and SHAHOS@NET.SOTE.HU

The 24th Congress of the European Society for Artificial Organs will be held October 16–18, 1997 in Budapest, Hungary. Main topics will include: pathophysiology of clinical application of artificial organs, improvement in material properties as a prerequisite for the development of artificial organs, and the importance of auxiliary treatment in artificial organ therapy. For further information contact Dr. Judit Walter, President of ESAO 97, Selymeru u. 1., 6300 Kalocsa, Hungary. Telephone: 36/78/462-782; FAX: 36/78/465-077; E-mail: Novis@elender.hu Web site address: <http://www.elender.hu/~novis/csao>

The XXI National Congress of Italian Urodynamic Society will be held in Pisa, Italy on October 22–25, 1997. For further information contact Ettore Rossetti, Euro Conventions, Viale Risorgimento 33/C, 29100 Piacenza, Italy. Telephone: 39 523 33 57 32 or 39 523 33 63 39; FAX: 39 523 33 49 97; E-mail: <http://www.agonet.it/euroconventions>

The 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology will be held in San Antonio, Texas on November 2–5, 1997. For further information, contact the American Society of Nephrology, 1200 19th Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036-2401, USA. Telephone: (202) 857-1190; FAX: (202) 223-4579.

The Italian Urodynamic Association announces its Videoforum, *Minimal Invasive Surgery in Female Urinary Incontinence*, and International Course, *Sensory Disorders of the Lower Urinary Tract*, to be held in Rome, December 4–6, 1997. For further informa-

tion, contact Euro Conventions, Via Toricella 14, 29100 Piacenza, Italy. Telephone: 39-523-33.63.69 or 33.57.32; Fax: 39-523-33.49.97; E-mail: euroconventions@agonet.it; web site: <http://agonet.it/euroconventions>

The 10th Berliner Dialyseseminar will be held December 5–6, 1997 in Berlin, Germany. This meeting will cover the field of renal replacement therapy. For more information contact Prof. Dr. med. Klaus Schaefer, St. Joseph-Krankenhaus-Med. Abt. II, Bäumerplan 24, 12101 Berlin, Germany. Telephone: 030 7882 2379; FAX: 030 7882 2669.

The Third International Conference on Continuous Renal Replacement Therapies will be held in San Diego, California on March 5–7, 1998. This unique international symposium provides a forum for multidisciplinary interactions between physicians, nurses, support personnel and industry involved in the care of the critically ill patient. The conference focuses on discriminating information on the latest developments and research in the rapidly changing field of ICU medicine and CRRT, with an excellent opportunity for networking with access to international experts from nephrology, critical care, nursing and industry. Time efficient instruction methods include: invited lectures; panel discussions; debates; oral and poster presentations; interactive and hands-on workshops. Major topics to be addressed include: evolving concepts in the management of the critically ill patient; practice of CRRT and standardization of care; renal replacement and renal support; experience and controversies with CRRT. For further information, contact: Shirley Kolkey, Complete Conference Management, 1660 Hotel Circle North, #220, San Diego, California 92108, USA. Telephone (619) 299-6673; FAX: (619) 299-6675; Email: c-c-m@worldnet.att.net

The Third European Peritoneal Dialysis Meeting will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland on April 5–7, 1998. The meeting will focus on maintaining longevity in peritoneal dialysis. The scientific program will include state-of-the-art lectures and symposia, free communications and poster sessions. There will also be a workshop on animal models in peritoneal dialysis and continuing medical education sessions. For further information contact Dr. R.J. Winney, Department of Renal Medicine, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary NHS trust, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh EH3 9YW, Scotland, United Kingdom. Telephone: 44-131-536-2305/6; FAX: 44-131-536-1541; E-mail: R.J.Winney@ed.ac.uk

The 1st International Congress on Immunointervention in Nephrology will be held April 30–May 2, 1998 in Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy. This meeting will deal with new therapeutic strategies in kidney transplantation and with clinical and therapeutic aspects of lupus nephritis. The program will include lectures from invited international speakers, round tables, sessions of poster presentations and free communications. The aims of this meeting are: to present an update of the emerging immunomodulating drugs and discuss the best immunosuppressive strategies in kidney transplantation; to review some aspects of lupus nephritis, such as the APA/LAC syndrome and factors affecting long-term outcome; and to discuss lupus nephritis therapy. Deadline for abstracts is January 15, 1998. For further information contact Paolo Altieri, M.D., Dipartimento di Nefrologia e Dialisi, Ospedale S. Michele, Via Peretti, 09134 Cagliari, Italy. Telephone and FAX: 39 70 542872 or 39 70 539491.

The 8th International IgA Nephropathy Symposium will be held May 10–13, 1998 in Noordwijkerhout (near Leiden and Amsterdam), The Netherlands. Topics will include: the mucosal immune